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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1892.

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Securities or goods in general Goods. Usual  
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Interest for 1 month Fixed 5 per Cent.  
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Hongkong, 5th January, 1892.

## INSURANCES.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST  
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30  
NEXT BIRTHDAY.

STG. payable at death, would  
cost per quarter at the rate of  
£ 6 18 o (a) If premiums are payable for  
whole of life;

or £ 9 9 16 (b) If premiums are limited to 20  
years;

or £ 11 4 6 (c) If premiums are limited to 15  
years;

or £ 13 0 0 (d) If the sum assured is made  
payable at age 30, or at  
death if previous.

Secured payments.

The same provisions as commenced at age 40  
n. b. would cost respectively (a) £ 8 15 0  
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DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
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93-4] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE  
SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF  
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The Undersigned are prepared to accept  
FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCES on  
favourable terms.

Current rates and a guaranteed Bonus equal  
to that paid by the local Offices.

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Hongkong, 31st March, 1892.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY  
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ..... £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept  
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on Goods,  
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world  
payable at any of its Agents.

WOO LIN YUEN,  
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HEAD OFFICE:  
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1892.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000; £43,553-33;  
EQUAL TO ..... £31,000,000.  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:  
Lee SING, Esq. Lo YUEN, Esq.  
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MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, etc., taken  
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the  
world.

HEAD OFFICE: 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST,  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

## Intimations.

**CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.**  
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,  
GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

### CHRISTMAS DESSERT.

FINEST MUSCATEL TABLE RAISINS, FINEST JORDAN ALMONDS, TURKEY  
and ELEMA FIGS, CHOCOLATE CREAMS, BONBONS and FANCY SWEETS,  
CALLARD & BOWDEN'S BUTTER SCOTCH, EVERTON TOFFEE and RUSSIAN TOFFEE,  
PUDDING RAISINS, CURRANTS, CANDIED PEELS, ORANGE, LEMON, CITRON and  
MIXED. Special XMAS-GIFT—Assorted Case One Dozen WINES and SPIRITS, &c.

**CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.**

18, Praya Central, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1891.

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**MOOTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.**  
Telegrams: "MOOTRIE" Hongkong. (UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL).  
Established 1876.

JUST RECEIVED A VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF EDITIONS,

**LITOLFF & PETERS,**

Including Nos. for 2, 4 and 8 hands, Solos for FLUTE, CORNET, VIOLIN, PIANO, &c.

PARCELS SENT ON APPROVAL.

**MOOTRIE, ROBINSON & CO.,**

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(And at London, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama).

Hongkong, 29th December, 1891.

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**W. BREWER**

HAS JUST RECEIVED,

**GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S** "Songs of Two Savoyards" set to Music.  
China Coast Tide Tables, 1891.  
Practical Telephone Handbook.  
New Illustrated Shakspeare, in Russia Leather  
Case.  
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Handsome bound Prayer Books.  
Sen's Large Stamp Albums.  
Gent's Russia Leather Books and Shoes.  
Dancing Pumps, Warm Slippers.  
Smith's Diaries, Letts's Diaries.  
North-China Date Block.  
New collections of Songs and Dance Music.

**W. BREWER,**

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1891.

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**ROBERT LANG & CO.**  
DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.  
A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.

EVENING DRESS HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.

Hongkong, 27th November, 1891.

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**CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.**,  
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

AND

Commission Agents.

RESPECTFULLY INVITE INSPECTION OF THEIR VARIED STOCK OF  
CHOCOLATES, SHORTBREAD, TOFFIES, &c.  
SCOTCH WHISKY, HONEY, £1 per bottle.  
OUR SPECIAL LIQUEUR WHISKY.

BRANDY, BEAUTIELEAU'S \*\*\*

ALE BASS' Read Bros., Bull's Head.

STOUT GUINNESS' Read Bros., Bull's Head.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1891.

FOR SALE.

KEROSINE COOKING STOVES.  
KEROSINE WARMING STOVES.  
COFFEE MACHINES, TEA MACHINES.  
NURSERY SPIRIT LAMPS AND KETTLES.  
AFTERNOON TEA SPIRIT LAMPS AND KETTLES.  
TRAVELLERS' SPIRIT LAMPS WITH UTENSILS.  
CHILDREN'S FOOD WARMERS.  
SILICATED CARBON FILTERS.  
MAIGNEN'S RAPID FILTER.  
The Unbreakable COLONIAL FILTER (filters  
a gallon of water per hour) price £7.

JEAN CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

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**KELLY & WALSH, LTD.**  
INKS.

ANTOINE'S VIOLET BLACK COPYING INK.

LYONS' BLUE-BLACK WRITING INK.

Do. do. COPYING INK.

STEPHENS' do. WRITING INK.

Do. do. COPYING INK.

Do. SCARLET INK.

Do. SCENTED VIOLET INK.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

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**W. POWELL & CO.**

COOKING AND HEATING STOVES for Oil or Coal.

LAMPS! LAMPS! LAMPS!

LAMP CHIMNEYS, GLOBES, WICKS, &c. &c.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1892.

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## Shipping.

### STEAMERS.

"UNION" LINE OF STEAMERS:  
FOR NAGASAKI, KORE AND YOKOHAMA,  
VIA INLAND SEA.

THE Steamship

"TORRINGTON,"  
Captain Herwick, will be despatched as above  
on or about the 11th instant, instead of as  
previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APCAR,"  
Captain Hansen, will be despatched for the  
above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th instant,  
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"STRATHAVON,"  
Captain Smith, will be despatched as above  
on or about the 11th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1892.

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FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"HAIPHONG,"  
Captain Lewis, will be despatched for the  
above Port TO-MORROW, the 10th instant, at  
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**Intimations.**

**DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,  
LIMITED,  
CHIEMISTS, &c.**

COD LIVER OIL JELLY.

**THIS** is a sweet and exceedingly palatable jelly easily retained and digested by the most delicate stomach. Children specially grow fond of it and ask for more, and although it contains 20 per cent of the newest Cod Liver Oil, all fatty taste and flavour is entirely covered.

In glass jars at 7s. Cents.

COD LIVER OIL GENUINE!

NORWEGIAN.

This is without exception the finest oil that can be produced. Great care is taken in selecting healthy livers only in its manufacture, and we buy direct from the manufacturer, who are able to guarantee it "Genuine."

Per bottle, 7s Cents and 8s. 2d.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION.

A form in which the oil may be taken without difficulty by delicate patients and children.

Per bottle, 8s.

COD LIVER OIL EMULSION WITH HYDROPHOSPHITES (Lime and Soda).

A combination of great value in existing diseases, especially of the Chest and Respiratory Organs.

Per bottle, 8s. Per dozen 6s.

BALSAM OF ANISEED AND LIQUORICE.

For the relief of all catarrhal complaints, such as Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, and Soreness of the Chest, &c.

In bottles, 50 Cents and 5s.

BALSAMIC COUGH LOZENGES.

A never failing remedy for Coughs.

In bottles, 2s Cents.

Nos. 22 & 23, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**

**AMERICAN CHEROOTS.**

These CHEROOTS, made from a fine selected quality of PENNSYLVANIAN TOBACCO LEAF, are mild, well matured, of excellent flavour, and will be found equal to Havanas. They are meeting with much favour in the Colony as an agreeable change from the usual Manila Cigar, and we confidently recommend them to the notice of Smokers.

PRICE 5s 5d per Box of 250.

**WINES AND SPIRITS.**

PORTS, SHERRIES, C. LARETS, BRANDY, SCOTCH WHISKY, IRISH WHISKY, BOURBON WHISKY, GIN and RUM. Our favourite and well-known brands of the above are bought direct from the most noted shippers, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices. We shall be pleased to furnish full particulars and price lists on application.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high class fertilizer for pot plants and for use in the garden generally: It supplies natural nourishment to the soil, and assists the process of assimilation, thereby aiding the plants to attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10lb each.....\$1.50

do. Bags do 28d do .....\$4.00

Directions for use are given on the label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"

LAWN MOWERS.

The best and cheapest Machines in the market, for sale at manufacturers' prices.

LAWN GRASS SEED.

SWEET CORN SEED.

A fresh supply of the above just received.

**A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.**  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,  
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1892.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

**THE** German gunboat *Illes* left Shanghai for Wuhu on the 5th and is expected to return on the 25th inst.

**THE** *Japan Advertiser* says that the King of Corea mediates abdication in favour of his son, of whom a highly flattering portrait was drawn by Mr. Henry Norman a year or two ago.

At last night's meeting of the British Mercantile Marine Officers' Association it was announced that Captain Samuel Ashton, the President, will preside at a special meeting to be held early next week.

**ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH.**—The Mission steam-launch *Day Spring* will call alongside vessels hoisting code pennant C, between 9 and 10.30 a.m. on Sunday to convey men ashore to the 1 o'clock service, returning about 12.30 p.m.

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**M.R. W. WALSH,** who is already sufficiently well known to the Hongkong public as the bairn who kept Willard's opera company afloat, has arrived in Hongkong on his way to America. He has arranged to give an entertainment in about a fortnight, with the assistance of the leading local amateurs, which promises to be an every way an enjoyable and successful event.

"Man is but clay," oh, word of truth! We learned, each one, in early youth. Man is but clay.

We call the speedy man a "brick;" The "soft-baked" mortal makes us sick; Man is but clay.

Down goes a fellow with a thud; We straightway say, "His name is mud;" Man is but clay.

We are in a position to state positively that there is not a vestige of truth in the rumour current in shipping circles to-day, that the officers of the Calcutta liner *Arratton Asper*, which arrived here from Singapore a couple of days ago, sighted two of the average Scottish Oriental Co.'s steamship *Somdetch Pra Wang's* boats, bottom up, in the China Sea. And we sincerely trust that news of the arrival of the *Somdetch* at Singapore or at some Netherlands India port will soon give the lie to the busybodies who so industriously spread clamourous rumours.

LAST night (8th) at the Masonic Hall the W.M. of United Service Lodge (1,341) Brother W. L. Ford, was installed by the D.G.M., R. W. Brother C.P. Chater. Subsequently he invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

W.M. .... W. L. Ford.

I.P.M. .... J. Bryant.

S.W. .... J. Lowrie.

J.W. .... H. J. Watson.

Treasurer .... J. Collett.

Secretary .... C. W. Duggan, P.M.

Organist ....

S.D. .... D. Hall.

J.D. .... J. A. Inglis.

Director of C.G. .... G. M. Scott.

Steward .... A. J. Bull.

I.C. .... H. E. A. Holle.

Tyler .... J. Maxwell.

Later on the brethren sat down to the annual banquet, at which the usual loyal and masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LATE San Francisco papers state that discoveries made by Hawaiian officers show the existence of a very complete smuggling organization. The organization, says the *Chronicle*, is known to be headed by the notorious Tom Whaley, whose exploits as a clever smuggler border on the romantic. Whaley has associated with him men of means and standing in Australia, Canada, China, Hawaii and the United States. They supply the means to carry on the contraband traffic in opium. A small squadron of fast-sailing craft are engaged in the traffic and are officered and manned by the cleverest men in the business. The Hawaiian islands and the neighboring atolls offer secure and secluded harbors where these vessels unload their cargoes of the costly drug. It is safely hidden from official discovery until the opportunity arrives when it can be reshipped to be smuggled into the ports of Australia, Canada and the United States. The speed *Halcyon*, once a pleasure yacht in San Francisco bay, has earned thousands by successful ventures in the opium trade. With the yacht *Daugh* added to the fleet, (of Bell and Davis line) the smugglers' organization will be still more dangerous.

REFERRING to the forthcoming Hongkong Jockey Club Meeting, a correspondent above the *non de plume* "Nous Verrons" writes to the Shanghai Mercury of the 5th inst.:—"Last week the steamer *Yutseang* took down eighteen ponies, comprising the studs of Messrs. John Peck and Buxey. Of course the well known celebrities, Vagrant, Merry Thought, Talisman, Home Guard, and Royalty were included in this lot, and of themselves form the foundation for a good race for the Champion. The remainder consisted of the usual batch of highly tried griffins, for the Hongkong Derby. Among Mr. John Peck's lot is a very strong looking animal, of the Talisman type, which gallops in a most resolute manner. This griffin has been kept over since last Spring, when he showed excellent form and looked all over a likely winner of the Hongkong Blue Riband. In the Autumn gallop he has galloped most consistently, and in the careful hands of Mr. Hough will no doubt be there or thereabouts. Mr. Buxey also possesses a strong hand—but his best griffin knocked himself about, while being shipped. Mr. Sassoons' stable is to follow in a China Merchants' steamer and will consist of two or three highly tried griffins; the redoubtable Hero, Mighty, Hollyhock, Zephyr, under suspicion to wisely left at home. The race for the Challenge Cup, in view of the unbeaten Hero starting, will probably be a very tame affair, unless, as we hear, Mr. Falk has made arrangements to send Boats down. This pony has quietened down considerably although he has not quite forgotten his tricks. He has improved in his style of galloping immensely and does good time without an effort, notwithstanding his being hampered by the anti-buckling bit, in which he is exercised. In a small field, it is my impression that he would give Hero a grand start and if he shows any improvement on his last meeting's form, it is quite on the card that he might beat him—more unlikely things have happened. Outsidethesestables, I am afraid there is very little worth mentioning, the "bust up" condition of Hongkong being more noticeable in the direction of racing than in any other. Only 26 Subscription Griffins were sent down by the Shanghai Horse Bazaar against 63 two years ago, and I understand there are only nine nominations for the Derby, notwithstanding the largely augmented added money. Having in view the number of races on the card, small fields will inevitably be the order of the day—but from the quality of the old ponies, I should say there will be some fine racing."

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

Advertisers and Subscribers which are not ordered for a month to be continued will receive free.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS:

Subscribers to *The Hongkong Telegraph* are respectively reminded that all *Subscriptions* are payable in advance.

BIRTH.

On the 5th instant, at Kowloon Dock, the wife of J. VANSTONE, of a daughter. *Hampshire Telegraph* please copy.

*The Hongkong Telegraph*.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1892.

TELEGRAMS.

SERIOUS ASPECT OF THE LATE EXPLOSION AT DUBLIN.

LONDON, January 7th.

The explosion that occurred at Dublin Castle is described as an "undoubted devilish plot."

The Government has instituted a secret private enquiry.

Ten things are essential to success in marriage. One is a good wife; the other nine are money.

A REGULAR meeting of Perseverance Lodge, No. 1165, E.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Saturday, the 16th Inst., at 9 or 9.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

**THE** French cruiser *Villiers* left Shanghai for Foochow and Amoy on the 4th Inst. She will return to Shanghai about the 10th Inst. in time to receive the new Commander-in-Chief of the French Squadron in China waters.

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among the breakers but, fortunately, the occupants managed to reach the beach and drag themselves up on dry land. In what direction the third boat steered after it left the steamer's side, and how it happened that she capsized, will never be known, for her crew are strewn along the beach, their frozen bodies mingled by the cruel rocks and their fixed and agonized expressions bearing awesome testimony of their sad and terrible fate.

This boat contained the second officer, the third engineer and nine Chinese sailors and firemen, all of whom have perished. I learn that there is no possible hope of saving the ship, though, should the weather continue fine, some of the cargo may perhaps be salvaged. In the meantime, a mandarin from Ningpo with a number of soldiers is guarding the wreck, which in the event of a moderate gale from the north or north-east is nearly sure to go to pieces. The officers and men have of course lost everything they possessed, and are in a sad plight. Some of the poor sailors trudged into Chefoo half-frozen, half naked, and nearly dead from cold and exposure.—N. C. Daily News.

The *Marte* was a steamer of 704 tons net register, and a horse-power nominal, built at Hamburg in 1883, and owned by Mr. M. Jepsen, of Apenrade. She left Hongkong for Chefoo on 24th December.

It was in Lingding Bay that H.M.S. *Racehorse* was lost in 1861, and there have been several other wrecks there.

## SHIPPING CASUALTIES, IN FAR EASTERN WATERS DURING 1889.

Cannibals amongst the shipping in the seas of China and Japan were rather numerous during the year just ended, as will be seen by the following list:—The first to be recorded was a serious fire on board the P. & O. steamer *Galathea* at Shanghai on the 14th February. The next occurred on the 20th March, when the British steamer *Nanking* was wrecked on one of the Lema Islands, near Hongkong. On the following day, 21st March, the British steamer *Queen Elizabeth* was wrecked on a sunken reef at Ichikawa, thirty miles from Karatsu. On the 22nd April the British steamer *Holme Eden* was lost on one of the Luccuna Islands. On the 15th May the British steamer *Aberystwyth* was wrecked off Mitsubishi, in the Inland Sea. On the 8th June the Japanese steamer *Iwatsuki Maru* (the old P. & O. steamer *Gelone*) was wrecked on a voyage from Otani to Yokohama, and all hands were lost. The German steamer *Marianna* was lost on the 11th June on the Paracels. On the 21st of the same month the British barque *Pelt* was wrecked on the West Bank, between Nuchwang and Tienhsien. On the 11th July, the Japanese steamer *Tsuraya Maru* collided with a junk and sank, when 257 lives were lost. On the 19th July considerable damage was done to native craft in Hongkong during a typhoon, during which the British gunboat *Tweed* was driven ashore, and one sailor was drowned. On the 16th August the German steamer *Helene Rickmers* was driven ashore in Kobe harbour, during a typhoon, and seriously damaged. On the 6th September the American sailing-ship *Kitsap* was wrecked near the Loohoo Islands. On the 14th September, during a typhoon, the British barque *Anchor* was wrecked in Nagasaki harbour. On the same day the Japanese steamer *Hiroshima Maru* was sunk at Shimoda-ki. On the 21st of the same month the British barque *Cape City* was captured in Nagasaki harbour, when the captain's wife and the second officer were drowned. On the 23rd there was a severe typhoon at Swatow, when about a thousand boats and junks were driven ashore, and many lives lost. On the 3rd of October a fatal accident occurred on the Yangtze between the steamer *Lianhang* and a Chinese gunboat; six of the crew of the latter were drowned. The British steamer *Ichang*, belonging to the C. N. S. S. Co., was lost on one of the Nemesis Rocks on 12th of November. On the 29th of the same month the British schooner *Longwha* was lost on the banks near the mouth of the Newchwang river. On the 3rd of December, during a severe gale, much damage was done in Hongkong harbour to junks and other native craft; the steamship *Fushun*, belonging to the C. M. S. N. Co., and the Italian steamer *Bisagno* were both damaged. The Norwegian barque *Aron* also foundered on the same date. These seem to have been an unfortunate day, for we find on looking over our files that the British barque *Austria* took fire in K'ing-harbour and had to be scuttled that very day. Two British steamers, one belonging to the China Navigation Co., the *Yunnan*, and the *Tungshan*, were both lost near Swatow on the 15th December, and to complete the list the German steamer *Marte* was lost on New Year's Eve in Forty Li Bay, to the east of Chefoo—Mercury.

## THE REBELLION IN THE NORTH.

### CAPTURE OF REPUTED LEADERS.

The following telegram, according to the *New Daily News*, was forwarded to the Viceroy Li Hung-chang by General Yeh Chia-chao, reporting victories gained by the Government troops and the capture of rebel leaders—Colonels San and Chi-hua, after extirpating the insurgents entrenched at Wu-chang and other strongholds, have marched their troops to Peiping. The cities Singliang, Kien-cheng, Chao-yang, K'ien-lah, Nguk-hun, Hailun, and the territories of the several princes, commanders of banners are all pacified. There had been rewards offered, one of £100,000 for the capture of the rebel leader and chief priest, Yang Peh-chuan; and of £40,000 for the dead body of the same personage. On the night of the 27th ult. Han Chu-ch'i, Ching Fu-ch'eng and Hsien-hub, lying in wait at the mountain passes, ravines, and caves, captured Yang Peh-chuan, his son, nephew and brothers, five in all. I propose to take these captives with me on my return march to Tienhsien, so that they may be made to disperse other bodies of rebels that are scattered about the highways, and be a warning to them. Your Excellency will decide whether these rebel prisoners be transported to Peking for trial, or otherwise. As it takes a written memorial a long time to reach Peking I have taken the liberty to wire, and pray your Excellency to memorialize the Throne on the achievements of the army, so as to quiet the anxiety of his august Majesty.

### POSSIBLE PONTIFFS.

**Leo XIII's PROBABLE SUCCESSOR.**  
I have just sat down in one of the ante-rooms of the Vatican, says the Rome correspondent of the *Post Herald*, after a long talk with a distinguished prelate about the rumor that the cardinals were seriously considering the question of electing an American Pope at the death of Leo XIII, and I can say that a mere foolish notion was never conceived.

It is quite true that the question of electing a successor to the present Pontiff is being very carefully studied, and these gray walls have been giving a good deal of thought nowadays.

### A NATION OF GENTLEMEN.

#### SCANDINAVIAN CHARACTERISTICS.

The beautiful politeness and courtesy of the Swedes, says a writer in *Temple Bar*, is a thing that is very striking to visitors. They have a large assortment of bows, bobs, cuffs, and handlings of the hat to mere acquaintances reaches; I fancy, much lower down in the social scale than elsewhere in Europe. It looks odd to see the butcher boy in a blouse elaborately taking off his hat to the baker's assistant. I suspect, on examination, Swedish hats would be found to contain a little extra stiffening in order to enable them to stand the wear and tear of the greetings in the market-place.

On one occasion, when going, by steamboat to Upsala, I noticed a very quaint example of this national trait. The steamboat, as it neared Upsala passed through many shallow reaches of Malar lake, where the depth of water is insufficient to allow of the passengers being landed in the ordinary manner directly on the landing-stages, and they have to be taken on shore in small boats. The ferrymen shipping his complement of passengers would first take a dozen strokes or so, in order to clear the screw of the steamer, and then would carefully lay aside his oars, rise from his seat and take off his hat with a solemn bow to the people sitting in the stern whom he had just taken off the deck of the steamer. He would then row on again and land them ashore. This did not occur as an isolated instance, but regularly every time the passengers had to be landed by shore boats. I am afraid even our English railway guards and porters, whom I had hitherto imagined to be the best-mannered people on the planet, would not bear comparison with these nature's gentlemen. Lord Chesterfield himself would scarcely be in the Italian government.

The women of the middle and lower classes are little if at all behind their husbands and brothers in this matter. Their good temper and pretty behavior are worthy of all praise. The servant girls in Delacalaisn peasant dress, *coquetteries* and the young persons employed in shops all make the prettiest of all possible little bob curtains, and so oddly enough, do the young ladies of good family up to the day of their confirmation, when ceremony takes place rather later than with us, generally about the age of sixteen. From that day forth they put their hair up and take to bowing.

The Upsala students amuse one a good deal by the elaboration and ceremoniousness of their manners. Any day during the vacation a few of them can be seen gathered round a table in the garden *cafes* of Hasselbacken or Tivoli, drinking their punch. They are mostly lads under twenty, but they bow to each other and make little civil speeches and pledge each other with solemn intonation, all according to the strictest Swedish etiquette, as if they were middle-aged gentlemen of high dignity and position but slightly acquainted with one another. They certainly take themselves very seriously.

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